



8th Renmin University of China / GLO Annual Conference on “Micro Population Economics and Human Relations”

1-2 Nov. 2025, Room 703, Lide Building, Renmin University of China, Beijing

Program

Saturday 1 November

8:45-9:00 Opening remarks: Zhong Zhao & Klaus F. Zimmermann

Chair: Zhong Zhao (Renmin University of China and GLO)

09:00-10:00 Keynote: Klaus F. Zimmermann (UNU-MERIT and GLO)
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10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break*

Chair: Feng Chen (Liaoning University)

10:30-11:00 Pengzhan Qian (Royal Holloway University of London)
Unintended Demographic Effects of Educational Affirmative Action in China

11:00-11:30 Lili Lian (Peking University)
Amplified Population Control Policies through Social Norms: Evidence from China's One-Child Policy

11:30-12:00 Feng Chen (Liaoning University)
Input-Trade Liberalization, Female-Skill Intensity and Fertility in China

12:00-13:30 *Lunch (Huixian Restaurant)*

13:30-14:30 Keynote: Suqin (Sue) Ge (Virginia Tech)

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Chair: Minghai Zhou (Zhejiang University and GLO)

14:30-15:00 Miao Yu (Peking University)
Maternity Leave Extensions and Gender Gaps: Evidence from an Online Job Platform

15:00-15:30 Minghai Zhou (Zhejiang University)
Gendered Impacts of Housing Prices on Adolescent Mental Health: The Role of Sibling Sex Composition

15:30-16:00 Chen Huang (Peking University)
Short-Term Gain, Long-Term Pain: The Impact of An Unwanted Abortion on Women's Employment

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

Chair: Wanlin Liu (University of International Business and Economics)

16:30-17:00 Yiming Xia (Southwestern University of Finance and Economics)
Sad! I Got Talent but My Mom Doesn't Know It: Parent-Child Belief Gap and Adolescent Mental Health

17:00-17:30 Wanlin Liu (University of International Business and Economics)
Wired for Soft Skills: Early Life High-Speed Internet Exposure and Personality Traits

17:30-18:00 Danqing Shen (Shandong University)
Returns to Major in China: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design

18:00 *Conference Dinner (Invitation Only)*



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Sunday 2 November

Chair: Xinzheng Shi (Peking University)

08:30-09:00

Chao He (Liaoning University)

Location, Location, Location: How Favorable Shocks Can Be Bad for You

09:00-09:30

Jiancheng Guo (University of Geneva)

Farmland Transfer, Structural Changes and China's "Labor Reservoir"

09:30-10:00

Xinzheng Shi (Peking University)

How Does Smart Technology Impact Firms? Evidence from a Field Experiment

10:00-10:30

Coffee Break

Chair: Run Ge (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

10:30-11:00

Wei Luo (Jinan University)

Family Leave Policies and Gender Inequality in Executive Positions: Evidence from Chinese Listed Firms

11:00-11:30

Run Ge (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

Winners and Losers: Firm and Labor Market Responses to China's Coal Capacity Reduction Policy

11:30-12:00

Castiel Chen Zhuang (Peking University)

Unemployment and Subjective Beliefs: Unintended Consequences of China's 2008 Labor Contract Law

12:00-14:00

Lunch (Huixian Restaurant)

Program Committee:

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